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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing ~~promotions with recorded programs~~ an integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset, the method comprising:

~~selecting a television program and at least one promotion to be recorded, wherein the television program is selected by a user and the promotion is selected by a processor;~~

~~— recording the selected television program;~~

~~— recording the selected promotion at a predetermined point of the recording;~~

~~— buffering the portion of the television program after the predetermined point in a buffer; and~~

~~— recording the portion of the television program after the predetermined point from the buffer~~

recording a selected program for inclusion in the integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset, the program selected by a user;

recording a selected promotion for inclusion in the integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset,

wherein the selected promotion is independent of the selected program; and

enabling the user to playback the integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the promotion is selected based upon the content of the program.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising recording both the program and the promotion on a storage unit.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the promotion is recorded at the beginning of the program.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising recording a flag with the promotion to indicate the beginning of the program during playback.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the promotion is recorded at the end of the program.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein promotions are recorded at the beginning and the end of the program.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the promotion is recorded at any desired point within the program.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving the program and the promotion.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising receiving program guide data.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the program, the promotion, and the program guide data are received on a single broadcast channel.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the program, the promotion, and the program guide data are received on a plurality of broadcast channels.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising storing the program, the promotion, and the program guide data.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the program, the promotion, and the program guide data are stored on a storage unit.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the program, the promotion, and the program guide data are stored on a plurality of storage units.

19-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently amended) A system for providing ~~promotions with recorded programs~~ an integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset, the system comprising:

a user input device ~~that receives user input~~ configured to receive a user input to select a television program to be recorded; and

~~a processor configured to:~~

~~————— select at least one promotion to be recorded;~~

~~————— record the selected television program;~~

~~————— record the selected promotion at a predetermined point of the recording;~~

~~————— buffer the portion of the television program after the predetermined point in a buffer; and~~

~~————— record the portion of the television program after the predetermined point from the buffer~~

user equipment operative to:

record the selected program for inclusion in the integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset, the program selected by a user;

record a selected promotion for inclusion in the integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset,

wherein the selected promotion is independent of the selected program; and

enable the user to playback the integrated recorded program/promotion playback asset.

36. (currently amended) The system of claim 35 wherein the ~~processor selects~~ user equipment is operative to select the promotion based upon the content of the program.

37-39. (Canceled)

40. (currently amended) The system of claim 35 wherein the ~~processor causes~~ user equipment is operative to cause the promotion to be recorded at the beginning of the program.

41. (currently amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the ~~processor causes~~ user equipment is operative to cause a flag to be recorded with the promotion to indicate the beginning of the program during playback.

42. (currently amended) The system of claim 35 wherein the ~~processor causes~~ user equipment is operative to cause the promotion to be recorded at the end of the program.

43. (currently amended) The system of claim 35 wherein the ~~processor causes~~ user equipment is operative to

cause promotions to be recorded at the beginning and at the end of the program.

44. (currently amended) The system of claim 35 wherein the ~~processor causes~~ user equipment is operative to cause the promotion to be recorded at any desired point within the program.

45. (Original) The system of claim 35 further comprising a receiver that receives signals and data.

46. (Original) The system of claim 45 wherein the receiver receives signals and data on a single broadcast channel.

47. (Original) The system of claim 45 wherein the receiver receives signals and data on a plurality of broadcast channels.

48. (Original) The system of claim 35 further comprising a storage unit that stores the program and the promotion.

49-59. (Canceled)